

AN ACT

relating to the duties of the county tax assessor-collector and voter registrar regarding exemptions from jury service.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subsections (b) and (c), Section 62.107, Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) A person may also claim an exemption from jury service under Section 62.106 by filing with the sheriff, voter registrar ~~[tax assessor-collector]~~, or district or county clerk of the county of the person's ~~[his]~~ residence a sworn statement that sets forth the ground of and claims the exemption. The name of a person who claims an ~~[his]~~ exemption by filing the sworn statement may not be placed in the jury wheel for the ensuing year.

(c) A person who files a statement with a clerk of the court, as provided by Subsection (a), claiming an exemption because the person is over 70 years of age, may also claim the permanent exemption on that ground authorized by Section 62.108 by including in the statement filed with the clerk a declaration that the person desires the permanent exemption. Promptly after a statement claiming a permanent exemption on the basis of age is filed, the clerk of the court with whom it is filed shall have a copy delivered to the voter registrar of the county ~~[tax assessor-collector]~~.

SECTION 2. Subsections (b), (c), and (e), Section 62.108, Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) A person may claim a permanent exemption:

(1) by filing with the voter registrar of the county ~~[tax-assessor-collector]~~, by mail or personal delivery, a signed statement affirming that the person is over 70 years of age and desires a permanent exemption on that ground; or

(2) in the manner provided by Section 62.107(c).

(c) The voter registrar of the county ~~[tax-assessor-collector]~~ shall maintain a current register indicating the name of each person who has claimed and is entitled to a permanent exemption from jury service because the person is over 70 years of age.

(e) A person who has claimed a permanent exemption from jury service because the person is over 70 years of age may rescind the exemption at any time by filing a signed request for the rescission with the voter registrar of the county ~~[tax-assessor-collector]~~. Rescission of a permanent exemption does not affect the right of a person who is over 70 years of age to claim permanent exemption at a later time.

SECTION 3. Subsections (c) and (e), Section 62.109, Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(c) The clerk of the district court shall promptly notify the voter registrar of the county ~~[tax-assessor-collector]~~ of the name and address of each person exempted and state whether the exemption is permanent or for a specified period. The voter registrar ~~[tax-assessor-collector]~~ shall maintain a current register showing separately the name and address of each person permanently exempt from jury service under this section and the

1 name and address of each person exempt from jury service under this  
2 section for a specified period.

3 (e) A person exempt from jury service under this section may  
4 rescind the exemption at any time by filing a signed request for the  
5 rescission with the voter registrar of the county [~~tax~~  
6 ~~assessor-collector~~].

7 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
8 to a person claiming an exemption from jury service or rescinding an  
9 exemption from jury service on or after the effective date of this  
10 Act. A person claiming an exemption from jury service or rescinding  
11 an exemption from jury service before the effective date of this Act  
12 is governed by the law in effect on the date the person claims or  
13 rescinds the exemption, and the former law is continued in effect  
14 for that purpose.

15 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.\_\_\_\_\_

S.B. No. 85

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 85 passed the Senate on  
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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 85 passed the House on  
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